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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

## WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD WATER UTILITY FOR AN ) INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE )

ORDER SUSPENDING
INCREASES, CHANGES OR
ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
WATER SERVICE

**DOCKET NO. WR05070613** 

(Service List Attached)

### BY THE BOARD:

On July 14, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 40A:31-23 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, the City of Wildwood Water Utility, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 13,197 water customers, of which 9,375 customers or 71%, are located outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Wildwood, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$1,307,779 or 31.27% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on August 12, 2005. The Petitioner does not seek interim relief pending final determination on said petition.

In addition to its customers within the City of Wildwood, Petitioner provides water to the City of North Wildwood, the Borough of Wildwood Crest, a portion of Lower Township and a portion of Middle Township. Petitioner also sells water for resale to the Borough of West Wildwood.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is <u>HEREBY ORDERED</u> that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until December 12, 2005, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 8/1/05

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** 

BY:

JEANNE M. FOX **PRESIDENT** 

FREDERICK F. BU **COMMISSIONER** 

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ATTEST:

**SECRETARY** 

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

**Utilities** 

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